



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Spring Planting Slowed by Cool Temperatures and Moisture

There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week. Continued rainfall saturated fields throughout the state. Subsoil moisture indications trended toward the surplus side and slowed spring field work. Cooler temperatures delayed potato planting as producers waited for more heat units. The northern portion of the state remained very wet from recent rains and snowmelt. Some top-dressing by plane proceeded. Grass and winter wheat grew nicely in the warmer parts of Boundary County. Heavy rains caused localized flooding and saturated soils in Latah County. Onion seeding continued in southwest Idaho. Rain also slowed planting progress in south central Idaho. The moisture was great for cereals and other crops already planted. There was still quite a bit of snow in portions of eastern Idaho. Teton and Bear Lake Counties observed some melting on the valley floors. Some planting equipment moved into the drier fields of Oneida County. Jefferson County also continued to report late planting and a slower growing season.

## Continued Rain in Oregon

There were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 3.7 the previous week. Oregon again received moisture throughout most of the past week. Some planting progress was reported, but the state was well behind the previous year and 5-year averages for most crops. Flooding and saturated fields were reported statewide. In the northern coastal region of Oregon, pastures and planted crops under good management were in good condition with the extra moisture. Pastures not managed adequately showed signs of erosion and compaction. Field work piled up. Some producers were concerned with increased weed and disease pressure. Nursery shipments for regional markets were slowed by poor disappearance levels from retail stores due to the cool, wet weather. In north central Oregon, fields were still too wet for much fieldwork. Cattle were gathered and calves branded. Some flooding occurred in areas around the John Day River and its tributaries. Wheat and barley on higher ground did well. Some first cutting hay ground was jeopardized by flooding. In northeastern Oregon, rainfall and snowmelt flooded some areas of Union County. These conditions impacted established crops, spring field work, and caused road closures. Umatilla County fared better as more planting, fertilizing, and spraying got done. Most operations were very late in comparison to previous years. Winter canola continued to do well. Fields of winter canola near Hermiston showed the very first blooms. In southwestern Oregon, lowland flooding and mudslides subsided in Curry and Coos Counties. Grass growth rate continued to pick up a little with warmer temperatures. Saturated fields hindered cattle turn-out on the bottoms. Significant flooding occurred in Jackson and Josephine Counties for the first three days of the reporting period. South central and southeastern Oregon remained cool and wet. Malheur County received between one half to one inch of rain this week. This moisture delayed field work. Pastures began to grow in the warmer weather. Ranchers were in various stages of turning out, as some waited on the weather to complete cattle processing. Moisture also hindered progress in planting in Klamath County. In the southern half of the county tillage activities started. In the northern half of the county, there was still standing water and snow in some areas. Southern region pastures looked healthy.

## Most of Washington Experienced Significant Rainfall

There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 4.1 the previous week. The Puget Sound and western Washington had wet conditions throughout the week resulting in adequate to surplus topsoil and subsoil conditions. Pastures and ranges were in mostly good to fair conditions. Many producers reported fields being too wet to work or field work was slow due to wet conditions. Some new grass seed and vegetable seed crops were planted. Cattle were beginning to be turned out to pastures. Raspberry growers in Whatcom County saw more damage from the February freeze. Damaged vines were cut back and won't be harvested until next year. Fruit trees were blossoming and berries were leafing out. In central Washington, Chelan and Douglas County tree fruit growers were waiting on budding to determine damage from the February temperatures. Bees were being placed in orchards. Ranchers estimated they were approximately two weeks behind the normal spring grazing release. Livestock water supplies appeared to be adequate. Winter wheat was greening up and livestock were beginning to graze in Klickitat County. In the southeastern part of the state, Asotin and Garfield Counties reported rainy and cool conditions. Some producers were able to get spring wheat seeded, and some barley, but the majority of the ground was still too wet. Winter wheat looked good in Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. Whitman County received widespread heavy rain, but erosion was not significant.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/14/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	1	55	44
Oregon.....	-	-	63	37
Washington.....	-	1	82	17
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	1	68	31
Oregon.....	-	5	64	31
Washington.....	-	3	83	14

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/14/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	8	7	32	34	19
Oregon.....	-	20	36	31	13
Washington.....	-	14	34	45	7
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	2	36	53	9
Oregon.....	2	6	29	29	34
Washington.....	-	1	34	58	7

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/14/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	18	3	22	42
Barley planted.....	25	7	27	47
Oats planted .....	13	2	20	28
Oats emerged.....	-	-	1	6
Potatoes planted.....	14	4	16	15
Sugarbeets planted.....	40	18	41	41
Field corn planted .....	4	-	4	4
Dry peas planted .....	1	-	3	9
Onions planted .....	65	40	42	57

- Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/14/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	21	12	74	67
Barley planted.....	16	8	55	58
Oats planted .....	39	25	44	(NA)
Oats emerged.....	15	10	15	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	42	19	30	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	40	36	79	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	8	3	7	(NA)
Dry peas planted .....	40	7	54	(NA)
Onions planted .....	43	36	54	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

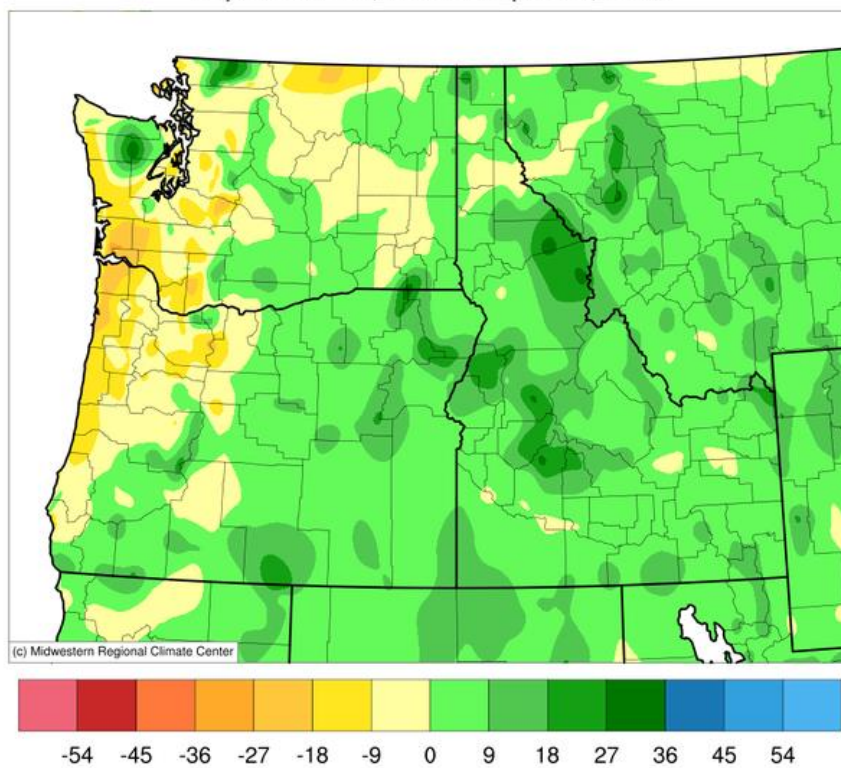
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/14/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	17	11	36	46
Barley planted.....	15	9	9	27
Oats planted .....	16	5	6	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	19	14	42	39
Sugarbeets planted.....	20	10	47	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	9	1	15	12
Dry peas planted .....	3	2	13	21
Onions planted .....	23	12	50	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

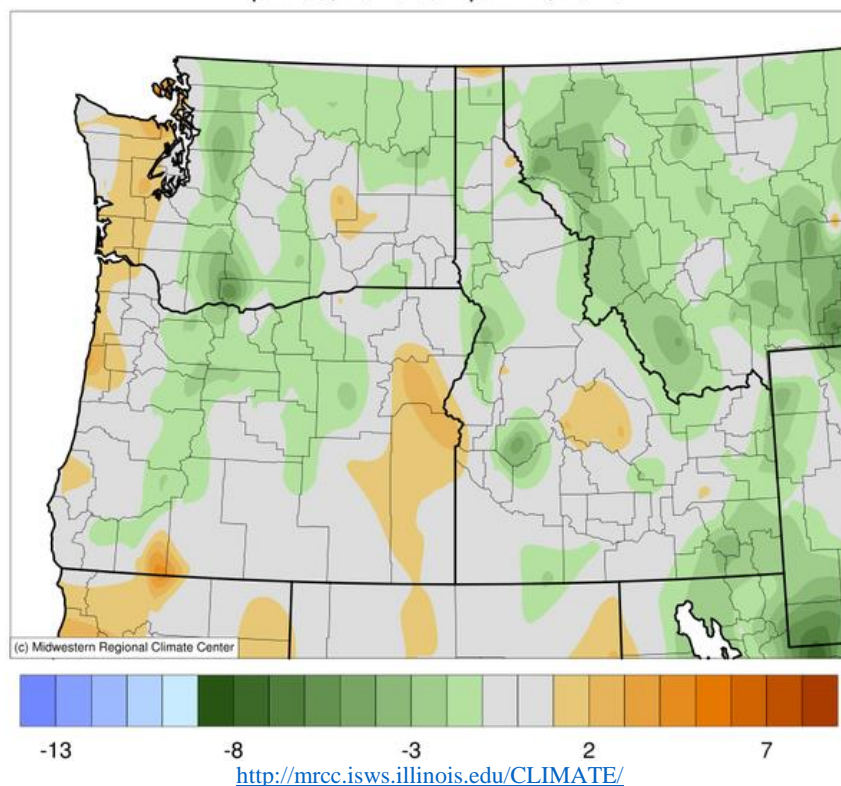
## Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

September 01, 2018 to April 14, 2019



## Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

April 08, 2019 to April 14, 2019



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